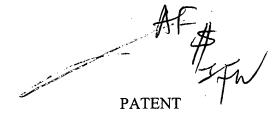


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

SCHRECK et al.

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"METHOD AND APPARATUS For:

> FOR PROVIDING A USER SELECTABLE START-UP CURRENT IN A DISK DRIVE"

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This is a reply to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a two-month extension of time accompanies this Reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the credit card identified on Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$420.00 for the two-month extension fee.

Please note that the Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Please also note that the **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.